

**IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : DATE FILED:**

**v. : CRIMINAL NO.:\_\_\_\_\_**

**CESAR A. CASTANO, : VIOLATIONS: 18 U.S.C. Section 1344**  
**a/k/a "Caesar Delgado" : (Bank fraud- 1 Count)**

**INFORMATION**

**COUNT ONE**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:**

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

a. Mellon Bank was a financial institution ("Mellon") whose deposits were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), certificate no. 07946.

b. The defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, operated a check cashing business and travel agency known as Delgado Enterprises, Inc. ("DEI"), located at 546 West Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

c. DEI maintained a business checking account, number 2-544-460, at Mellon.

d. The defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, was president of DEI and had signatory authority over the business checking account that DEI had at Mellon.

e. Banco Popular of Puerto Rico ("Banco Popular") was a financial institution located in Long Island City, New York.

f. Prior to December 17, 1998, DEI maintained a commercial money market account, number 094-014973, at Banco Popular, for which

the defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, had signatory authority.

g. Before on or about December 17, 1998, the defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, closed the Banco Popular account, number 094-014973.

2. From on or about December 17, 1998, to on or about December 31, 1998, at Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the defendant,

**CESAR A. CASTANO,  
a/k/a Caesar Delgado**

knowingly executed and attempted to execute a scheme to defraud Mellon and to obtain money owned by and under the care, custody, and control of Mellon, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, by unlawfully depositing checks drawn on a closed account at Banco Popular which contained no funds.

It was part of the scheme that:

3. The defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, issued five checks drawn on DEI's Banco Popular account, number 94-014973 (the "Banco Popular checks"), knowing that this account was closed and contained no funds which could be withdrawn by those checks.

4. The defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, deposited the following Banco Popular checks listed below into DEI's Mellon account, number 2-544-468:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12/17/98	1001	\$97,500
12/22/98	1003	\$69,000
12/24/98	1006	\$55,000

12/29/98	1007	\$98,750
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12/30/98	1008	\$97,800
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5. The defendant, **CESAR A. CASTANO, a/k/a Caesar Delgado**, then withdrew \$418,050 from DEI's fraudulently inflated Mellon account before the Banco Popular checks were returned unpaid.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

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